

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 9, with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 2[[A]] illustrates an EJB based implementation of the e-business 102 in accordance with an embodiment of the invention. This particular implementation of the e-business 102 includes a client API 202 that includes a servlet and a Java Server Page (JSP). It is well known in the art that a servlet is a Java program that extends the functionality of a Web server by generating dynamic content and interacting with Web clients using a request-response paradigm. A Java Server Page on the other hand is an extensible Web technology that uses template data, custom elements, scripting languages, and server-side Java objects to return dynamic content to a client. Typically the template data is HTML or XML elements, and in many cases the client is a Web browser.